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SUBJ: JAPANESE/MONGOLIAN MISSIONS IN ULAN BATOR AND TOKYO

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1. FONOFF MONGOLIAN AFFAIRS OFFICER, WHO RECENTLY VISITED ULAN BATOR, PROVIDED US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF JAPANESE MISSION IN THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC: STAFF, GOJ EMBASSY IN ULAN BATOR IS STAFFED BY FIVE OFFICERS AND A COOK (FOR THE AMBASSADOR): AMBASSADOR: COUNSELOR WHO TENDS GENERAL AFFAIRS, ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL MATTERS: THREE THIRD SECRETARIES, OF WHOM: ONE TENDS TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ECONOMIC MATTERS ESPECIALLY JAPAN-MPR ECONOMIC COOPERATION: ONE ASSISTS WITH POLITICAL MATTERS, CORRESPONDENCE AND THE EMBASSY BUDGET: THE THIRD, WHO ARRIVED IN ULAN BATOR ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO, WILL SHARE GENERAL DUTIES WITH OTHERS. STAFF SIZE IS NOT EXPECTED TO INCREASE FURTHER IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. HOUSING. AFTER TEN MONTHS IN THE ULAN BATOR HOTEL, THE AMBASSADOR, COUNSELOR AND ONE THIRD SECRETARY MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING IN THEIR EMBASSY COMPLEX.

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ANOTHER THIRD SECRETARY, SINGLE, WHO WAS STYDYING AT

UB UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JAPAN-MPR STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM, MOVED DIRECTLY INTO AN APARTMENT BUILDING HOUSING MONGOLIAN CITIZENS. RECENTLY ARRIVED THIRD SECY MOVED IMMEDIATELY INTO PERMANENT QUARTERS.

3. RECREATION. UB HOTEL, WHERE NON-COMMUNIST TOURISTS AND DIPLOMATS STAY, FEATURES TWO RESTAURANTS AND A "SHABBY" BAR. THERE ARE OTHER HOTELS FOR MONGOLIANS AND FOREIGN COMMUNISTS. ALL FOREIGNERS CAN DINE IN NUMEROUS "DIRTY" MONGOLIAN RESTAURANTS. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE DANCE HALL WHICH CAN BE VISITED BY ALL DIPLOMATS BUT MEMBERSHIP IS APPARENTLY RESERVED FOR FOREIGNERS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. FISHING, HUNTING, HORSEBACK-RIDING, AND "EXCELLENT PICKNICKING IN THE SUBURBS" ARE RECREATION POSSIBILITIES. FONOFF OFFICIAL UNAWARE OF TENNIS, SWIMMING OR BOWLING FACILITIES. SKIING MAY BE POSSIBLE ON YOUR OWN AND ICE IS PLENTIFUL IN WINTER FOR SKATING. MONGOLIAN, SOVIET, AND EAST EUROPEAN MOVIES RUN REGULARLY. A JOINT RUSSIAN JAPANESE FILM WAS RECENTLY SHOWN. STAGE SHOWS, FOLK MUSIC PROGRAMS, A MONGOLIAN SYMPHONY FEATURING WESTERN STYLE MUSIC, TOURING TROUPE FROM RUSSIA (AND PROBABLY OTHER COUNTRIES) APPEAR AT LEAST DURING THE SUMMER SEASON. OUR FRIEND SAW WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE BY MONGOLIANS OF THE BALLET "SWAN LAKE." A JAPANESE MUSICAL GROUP WAS RECENTLY WELL RECEIVED. TOURING THE MONGOLIAN COUNTRYSIDE IS POSSIBLE BUT PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM MPR MOFA. REGULAR RUNS TO THE PRC AND USSR OFFER OTHER DIVERSIONS. OVERALL, LIFE IN ULAN BATOR IS TOUGH, HEALTH HAZARDS MANY, MEDICAL STANDARDS DOUBTFUL, AND CUISINE INDELICATE.

4. MONGOLIAN MISSION IN TOKYO. ELEVEN PERSON MONGOLIAN MISSION IS MUCH BETTER INSTALLED IN THE SHOTO PINECREST MANSION IN TOKYO, WHICH THEY PURCHASED FOR FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. STAFF CONSISTS OF AMBASSADOR, COUNSELOR, SECOND SECRETARY, FIVE ATTACHES, AND THREE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS. SINCE LOCAL MPR EMBASSY IS CONCURRENTLY ULAN BATOR'S EMBASSY TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA, INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS' DUTIES COVER ALL

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FIVE COUNTRIES. COUNSELOR TENDS ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL MATTERS; SECOND SECRETARY ALSO COVERS POLITICAL MATTERS. A SENIOR ATTACHE SUPERVISES FOUR JUNIOR ATTACHES WHICH TEND COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, CULTURAL/PRESS AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS. THE CULTURAL/PRESS AFFAIRS OFFICER RECENTLY TOLD FONOFF HE ALSO COVERED JAPAN-US RELATIONS. TOKYO IS OF COURSE A PARADISE OF RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES. AS WE REPORTED

EARLIER, MONGOLIAN DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO ARE VERY ACTIVE SOCIALLY AND IN TRYING TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

5. MONGOLIANS SUFFERED ONLY ONE MAJOR MISHAP SINCE ARRIVAL. ON FEBRUARY 12 A DERANGED JAPANESE ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE THE MPR EMBASSY WITH A KNIFE. HE ATTACHED ONE MONGOLIAN WORKER. NO PARTICULAR MOTIVATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED. ULAN BATOR PROTESTED TO AMBASSADOR TSUGE AND ASIA BUREAU DIRGEN NAKAE EXPRESSED APOLOGIES IN TOKYO. HODGSON

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